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Sri A. Ratnam :—" சென்னையில் ட்ராம் வண்டிகளை ஓட்டுவது சாத்தியமில்லாவிட்டால கடலூரில் போக்குவரத்து வசதியில்லாமல் இருப்பதன் காரணமாக அவைகளைக் கடலூரில் ஓட்டுவதற்கு மந்திரி அவர்கள் யோசனை செய்வார்களா ? "

Mr. Speaker :—" ஒரிஜினல் கேள்விக்கும் இதற்கும் என்ன சம்பந்தம் இருக்கிறது ? "

Sri N. K. Palanisamy :—" ட்ராம் கம்பெனியை பல ரிசர்வ் கான்ஸ்டபிள்கள் பாரா கொடுத்துக் காவல் புரிந்தும்கூட, அவர்களுக்குத் தெரியாமல் எப்படி ஐந்து லட்சம் ரூபாய் பெறுமான சாமான்கள் வெளியே கொண்டு போகப்பட்டது என்று மந்திரி அவர்கள சொல்ல முடியுமா ? "

The Hon. Sri S. S. Ramasamy Padayachi :—" I waut notice for that question, Sir."

Sri K. Vinayakam :—" May I know what steps have been taken by the Government of Madras to realize the balance of amount which is due from the Company to the Government? "

The Hon. Sri S. S. Ramasamy Padayachi :—" Sir, we have filed a suit against the Company in the High Court."

Bringing outside influence for the furtherance of the interests of Government servants.

* 185 *Q.*—Sri M. Kattimuthu : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether it is a fact that there is a Government Order preventing Government servants from approaching M.Ps., M.L.As. and M.L.Cs. for support for redressal of their grievances?

The Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam :—" According to rule 24 of the Government Servants' Conduct Rules, Government servants should not bring or attempt to bring any political or other outside influence to bear upon any superior authority for the furtherance of their interests."

Sri M. Kattimuthu :—" அரசாங்கத்தில் வேலை செய்யும் ஊழியர்கள் அத்தனைபேருக்கும் வோட்டுரிமை இருக்கிறது. அவர்களுடைய குறைகளை தங்கள் தொகுதியைச் சேர்ந்த சட்டசபை அங்கத்தினர்களிடத்தில் சொல்லி அதற்கான நடவடிக்கைகளை எடுத்துக்கொள்ள முடியாவிட்டால் அவர்களது சுயநலமும் சுதந்தரமும் பாதிக்கப்படுகிறது என்பதை சர்க்கார் அறியுமா ? அப்படி அறிந்தால் அவர்களுக்கு விதிவிலக்கு அளிக்க சர்க்கார் முன்வருவார்களா ? "

The Hon. Sri C. Subramaniam :—" Sir, the Government servants when they enter the service agree to abide by the Government Servants' Conduct Rules. Knowing the conditions under which they have to serve, they enter Government service. Further we have to take into consideration the efficiency of the service also. There should also be no undue advantage taken by one person as against another. There are the superior officers to look into the grievances of any official. Therefore, it has been laid down in the Rules that no outside influence should be brought to bear upon any superior authority for the furtherence of their cause."

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SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" Sir, may I know whether these instructions apply to individual Government servants or whether they apply also to associations of Government servants? I have before me a letter addressed by the Government presumably to all Heads of Departments and District Collectors. It is a small letter and with your permission, Mr. Speaker, I will read it. 'Copy of Government letter No. 3320/54, Public, dated 18th August 1954. It is stated that Sri T. Purushotham, M.L.C., will address the Conference on the 22nd August 1954 at Madurantakam. I am to invite your attention in this connection to letter No. 1940/54-1, Public, dated 12th May 1954 and to state that the Government are not prepared to allow the association to have its conference at Madurantakam addressed by a non-official.' May I know, Sir, whether that rule applies to individual Government servants? If that is so what was the reason for issuing such a circular which amounts to almost gagging non-officials taking part in N.G.O. association's conferences and thus understanding their difficulties. In this case it is not merely a non-official that has been prevented from addressing them. He is a responsible M.L.C., belonging to the same party as the Government party. Why should such a person be prevented from taking part in such conferences and understanding the real grievances of these Government servants? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, this question relates to Government servants approaching M.Ps., M.L.As. and M.L.Cs. for support and the redressal of grievances. With regard to non-officials addressing the conference of officials, a separate question may be put. I shall then answer it."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, a blanket statement on the subject is rather misleading and I hope the Government will not interpret this to mean that the Government servants representing irregularities or grievances concerning their departments as representing their own individual grievances. If I may quote, an assurance was given by Rajaji on the floor of this House that such an interpretation would not be given. I hope that assurance stands? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I have read the Rule itself. It is : 'to bring any political or other outside influence to bear upon any superior authority for the furtherance of their interest'. With regard to the other matters they are governed by the Official Secrets Act. Subject to that they can disclose anything to anybody."

11-20 a.m. SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" In cases where Government servants or associations of Government servants fail to get any redress for their grievances from their superior officers, will the Government relax the rules pertaining to approaching M.L.As. and other non-official members so that they may in future intercede on behalf of Government servants and see that their grievances are redressed? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not think that I can concede that point. If a particular superior officer does not comply with the request of a Government servant, he can address the head of the department and finally come up to the Government. I do not think that it would be advisable to allow M.L.As. or M.L.Cs. or other politicians to interfere in the matter."

Repairs to the footpath on the Feroke Bridge, Malabar.

* 186 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the footpath on the Feroke Bridge, Malabar, is in a damaged condition in some places for the past one year ; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government to repair the same?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) & (b) The footpath on the bridge was damaged in March 1954 in three places close to each other within a length of 15 feet. The damaged portion was repaired and the footpath opened to pedestrians in July 1954."

Interim payment of compensation to Zamindars.

* 187 Q.—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether interim payments payable towards compensation to zamindars, are not being paid promptly and regularly; and

(b) whether in this connection the Government have considered the desirability of issuing notices direct to the parties instead of publication in the Gazette a second time?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) Interim payments are being deposited with the Estates Abolition Tribunals promptly and regularly.

" (b) No. The Government consider that no change in the present procedure is necessary."

Proposal to take action against the Dravida Sangam and Dravida Munnetra Sangam.

* 188 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether this Government have received any communication from the Central Government with regard to the steps taken against the Dravida Sangam and Dravida Munnetra Sangam in the Madras State during 1954?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir."